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### DON'T OVER LOOK YOUR BLESSINGS

Our readings today bring to light the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can combat this struggle through gratitude.

In our Gospel, we see an example of how surrendering to our passions negatively affects us. Jesus was with His disciples when they began to argue amongst themselves as to who was the greatest in the group.

If we look at our own lives, we might find many instances where we fall into the same tendencies - we constantly compare ourselves to others, out of pride we feel the need to point out another's faults or choose to fight back in an argument. We know we should act one way but choose another.

When Jesus hears what the apostles are discussing, He has them focus on a child. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

If we reflect on the moment someone receives a child, oftentimes their hearts are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for this gift. There is no jealousy or anger, just thanksgiving, and appreciation.

The apostles are busy bickering about who was the best. Their vision was clouded, and they could not even stop and be grateful for the gift to be so close to our Savior and that they were chosen to be His closest followers.

When we are caught in the raging war of jealousy, fighting, and pride, and begin to become enslaved to our passions we are ultimately being ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us.

Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us. Consider all that He has blessed you with, and how you can use those blessings for His glory.

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**Pastor**  
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.  
Diocesan Social Justice Rep.  
Member of Ontario Bishops  
Social Affairs Commission.  
Spiritual Chaplain to Diocesan D&P  
Spiritual Director to Acts Retreat Ministry  
Men & Women.  
Intern to Mental Health/ Addiction  
Counselling Hamilton.

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 and 11:30 am

**Weekday Masses**  
See Schedule on the inside of the bulletin

**In Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Administrative Assistant**  
**Financial Recorder**  
Sandy Johnson

**Reconciliation/Confessions**  
Saturday: 4: 00pm - 4:30 pm

**Requesting Sacraments**  
Must be registered and practicing  
Call office for details

**St Martin Elementary School**  
Phone 905-957-3032

**Cemetery**  
Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

**Parish Organizations**  
Catholic Women's League  
President - Carolyn Vaughan

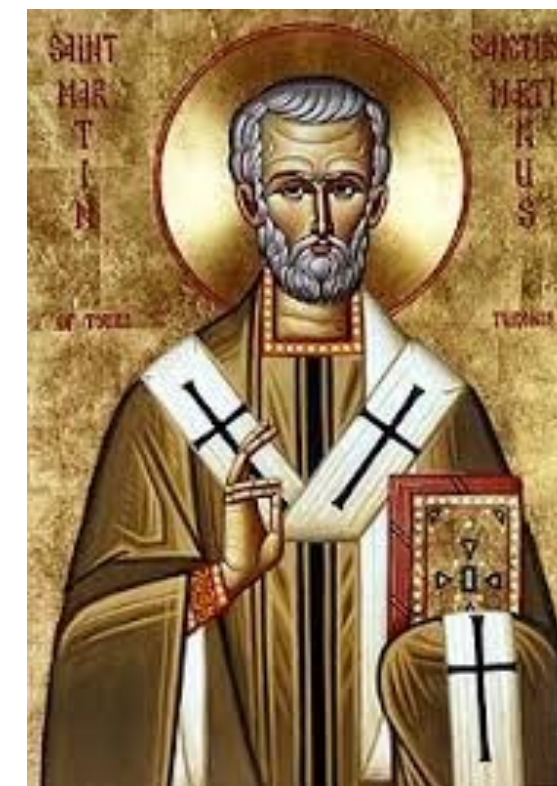
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September 19, 2021 - Year -B

## The 25th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

# September 19, 2021

## The 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Sept 20	9:00 am +Bruce Ecker 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Diocesan Council for Development and Peace Zoom Meeting	by Sherri deWilde Fr Christopher
Tues	Sept 21	9:00 am +Jacob, Joseph, Eva, Maria and Erica Schmee 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm ACTS CORE Zoom Meeting	by the Newman Family Fr Christopher
Wed	Sept 22	9:00 am +Bruce Ecker and for God's healing and strength on the Ecker Family 10:30 am - 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	by Andy & Helen Lipiec Fr .Christopher
Thurs	Sept 23	9:00 am +Jose Martins 7:00 pm - 8: 00 pm Centre for Mental Health & Addiction (CMAH) Zoom Meeting	by Maria Martins Fr. Christopher
Fri	Sept 24	9:00 am +Bruce Ecker 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Praise and Worship at Gethsemane Centre	by Dick & Marg Van Geest Fr .Christopher
<b>The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
Sat	Sept 25	5:00 pm +Norina DeZotti	by Fr. Christopher
Sun	Sept 26	10:00 am +Ted Zaharchuk 11:30 am +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	by Mike & Mary Hornak

### ONLINE EUCHARIST

#### Cathedral of St. Catharine of Alexandria

Sunday Mass live stream at 11:30 am.

Visit the diocesan website for viewing:

[www.saintcd.com](http://www.saintcd.com) or on YouTube

St. Joseph Grimsby:

<http://www.facebook.com/StJoeGrimsby>

Vision TV:Sun - 8:00 am

Mon - Fri - 8:00 am & 12:00 pm

Sat - 8:00 am & 9:30 am

Salt + Light:Sun - 11:00 am & 10:30 pm

Mon - Sat - 6:30 am, 11:00 am,

3:00 pm, 10:30 pm

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Mon - Sat - 1:00 pm

Internet : [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com)

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If you wish to follow the readings during Mass using your electronic device, you may follow this direct link for the current day's readings.

(<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm>).

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### UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

The previous Grade 2 students need to finish First Reconciliation (17 Students) on Saturday September 18 at 11am and then we will proceed with Two Celebrations of First Holy Communion:

- Group 1: Sat. Sept. 25 - 11am  
Mrs. Jeffery, Mrs. DiPasquale,  
Mrs. DiTomasso
- Group 2: Sat. Oct 2 - 11am  
Ms. Szabo, Mrs. Hayward

Due to limited space and Covid Protocol, only 2 parents will be allowed to attend 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion with no exceptions.

### BIBLE STUDY

Thursday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:30 am starting October 7th in the Crying Room.

We study the Readings for the following Sunday. Anyone interested in attending, please let Marg Van Geest know at 905-957-2803. Casual group and enjoyable atmosphere.

### SUNDAY MASSES

With Phase 3 of Ontario's Reopening plans remaining as we enter Fall, it is necessary to add an extra Sunday Mass? Social distancing is still required and therefore we have a limited number of pews. We seek not to turn others away when we reach our capacity. Beginning Sunday, September 12th at 11:30 am Mass will be offered for a trial period of six weeks until October 17. If there is an active attendance for this Mass it will continue. Thank you.

Reader and Extra-Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist are not scheduled at the 11:30 am Mass in this trial period. Volunteers are welcomed. It is noted that last weekend (Sept 11/12) attendance was at a all time low since the pandemic began. Weekday Mass also has low attendance.

### NECESARY UPDATES

- All new Fire Exit signs (Green Running Man)
- Fire Extinguishers
- Smoke Alarms
- Elevator Shaft Fire Safety Inspection.
- NEW FIRE ALARM MONITORING DSC BOX with monthly monitoring fee.

Our buildings are currently UpToDate regarding fire and safety.

- Rectory Front Porch painted and new frames and baseboards, new floor and light fixture. Donated project by three generous people.. Thank you!
- Special outdoor replacement bulb at church emergency exit has been ordered.
- Air Conditioning in the hall needs to be totally replaced in the spring of 2022?

### LIFE CHAIN

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 – 1:00 – 2:00 PM**

COVID PROTOCOLS will be in place in each location. Participants are asked to pre-register with contact persons below, or sign in as signs are picked up on location.

Contact: Daniella at 905-309-6779;

or Joanne: 905-309-3340

Locations:

135 Livingstone Ave. (St. Joseph Church)

Main St. E. at Bartlett Ave;

Main St. W at Christie St.

Main W. at Elm St.

Elm St. at Mountain St.

**You many never know if your presence saved a LIFE – but God will.**

### PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

We are currently looking for a replacement for our Cemetery caretaker. This is a paid position which includes:

- Grass cutting/weed whacking,
- General lawn maintenance duties around the church and cemetery.

Timewise - maybe 6 hours a week at peak times.

The job also includes:

- Looking after the sale of burial plots.
- Some light bookkeeping for the cemetery.
- Each year to call a meeting of Cemetery Committee to discuss and approve any capital expenditures for the year.

Any Interested parties, please contact:

Parish Office 289-956-0221

or Ron Roscovich 905-386-0648.

### UPCOMING BAPTISMS

Hayes Burkey - Sept 19

**COVID-19 PROTOCOL  
FOR THE REOPENING OF PARISH HALLS**

September 10, 2020

1. Everyone must wear a face covering.
2. The maximum number of persons permitted to gather in a parish hall must not exceed 50 per cent capacity (60 people). The total number permitted to be in an outdoor meeting or event may not exceed 75 per cent capacity...
3. Provided physical distancing of two meters (six feet) is maintained at all times. In addition, the setup of the parish hall must permit enough room for attendees to enter, exit and move about, while maintaining physical distancing requirements, before, during and after the gathering.
4. Hand sanitizer must be available at all entrances and exits.
5. Staff, participants and visitors must complete and pass the COVID-19 self-assessment before entering a parish hall or meeting room. Those who have travelled outside of Canada within the previous 14 days; or have signs or symptoms of the coronavirus; or have cared for, or otherwise been in contact with individuals diagnosed with the virus, shall not enter any parish hall. Having passed the self-assessment, the visitor must record this in the "Staff and Visitor Log".
6. The "Staff and Visitor Log" must be located at the main entrance to the parish hall. All staff and visitors must complete the required information in the log. Hand sanitizer must be placed at, or near, the Staff and Visitor Log. Visitor Log must be handed into the office after each meeting.
7. For meetings, it is recommended that chairs be set up in a circle or square rather than in rows. Minimize the use of furnishings; if you don't need tables, do not use them. Any furnishings used must be sanitized after the meeting or event and returned to storage.
8. Printed or other materials may be made available.
9. No more than one person/family (living at the same address) at a time should use a washroom. Washrooms must be cleaned and sanitized after every meeting or event. In the event that a washroom is soiled, it must be closed, pending thorough cleaning with disinfectant.
10. Prior to and after each meeting or event all door handles and any other "touch points" must be disinfected.
11. The user group will be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing.
12. Kitchen is closed as fridge, freezers are not in use and one less place to clean and sanitize
13. Permitted Uses: The parish hall may be used for limited parish events and activities.